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On your own...

"Reflecting on your experiences within a Christian community, write a specific story where you felt a strong sense of belonging and support?"

Who was involved?

How did you feel?

What specific actions or behaviors made that moment stand out for you?"



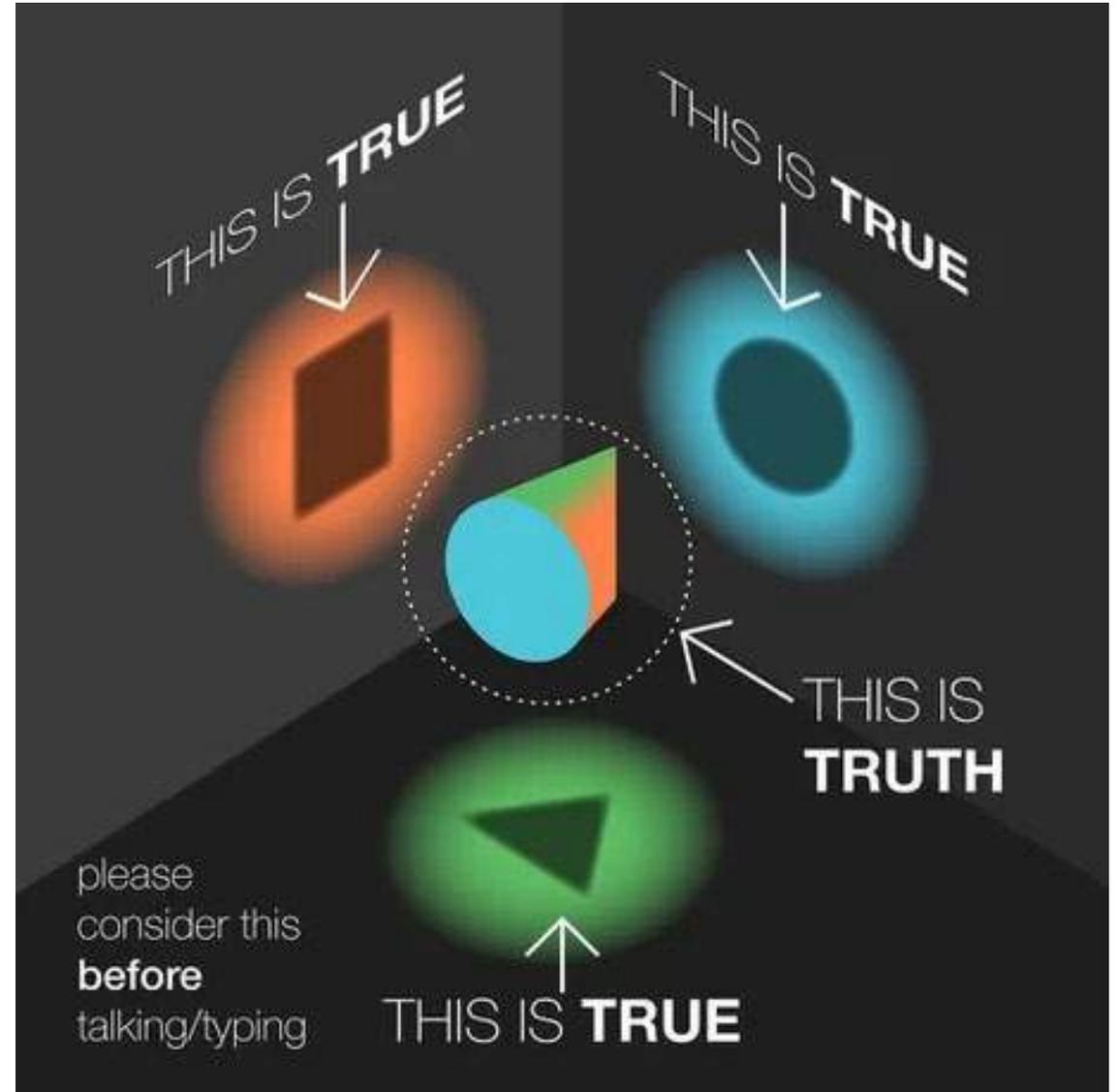


**My name
is _____ and
my favorite
experience in
the church
is...**



Perceiving Perspectives

True vs. Truth





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**What is the
primary
point?**



**What is the
goal?**



**Why is the
congregation
necessary?**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1



***It can't happen globally, if it
doesn't happen locally.***

Haakon Kessel

Change Motivators



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It is unlove that makes people unwell, and love and love alone that can make them well again.

Dr Karl Menninger

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***Conviviality is personal
expression
of faith
lived out in community.***

Ivan Illich



ending poverty



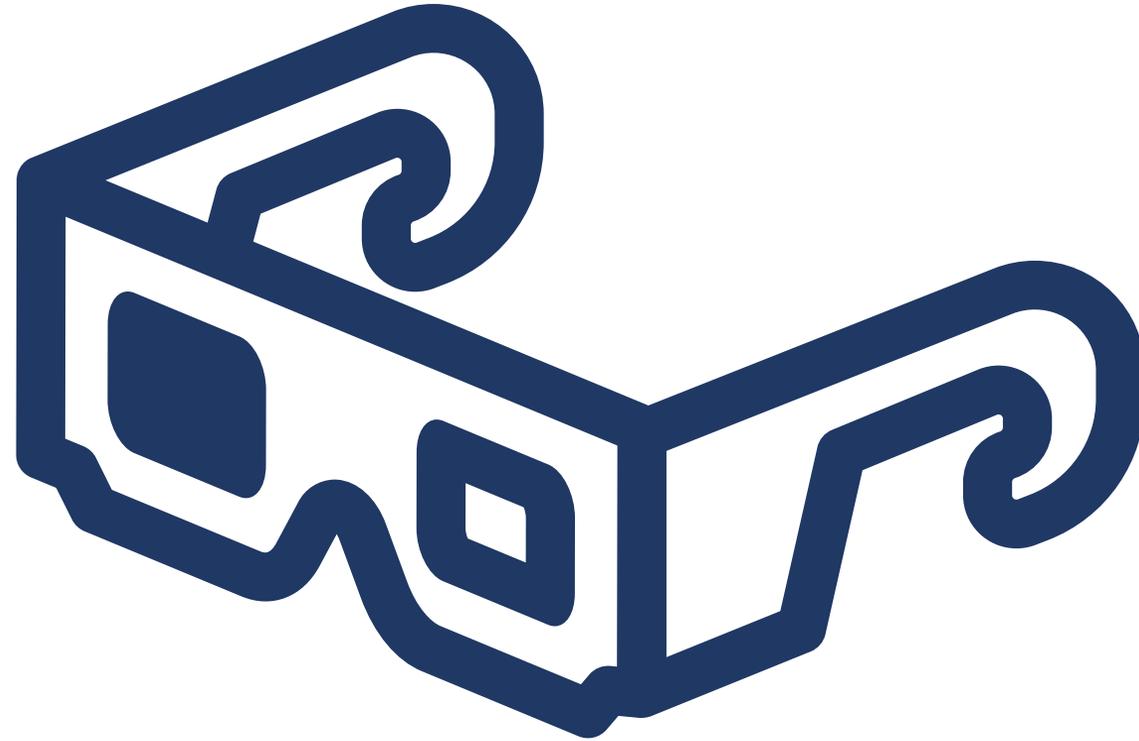
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Conviviality



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**“The local congregation
as the primary holistic
mission and diaconal
organization for the
community.”**



**Holistic is a word we use when
we try to keep together
something that should never
have been separated.**

NT Wright

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**“Great Commitment to the
Great Commandment and the
Great Commission will grow a
Great Church”**

Rick Warren

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5 Elements

He Answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”



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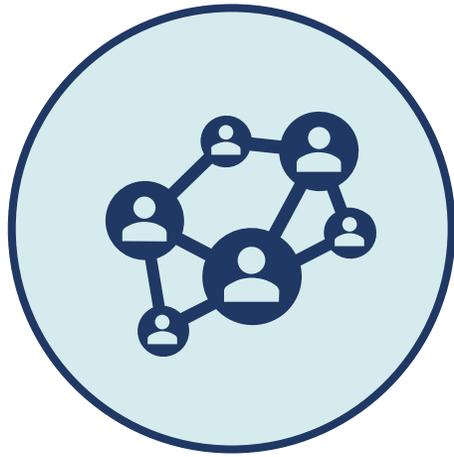
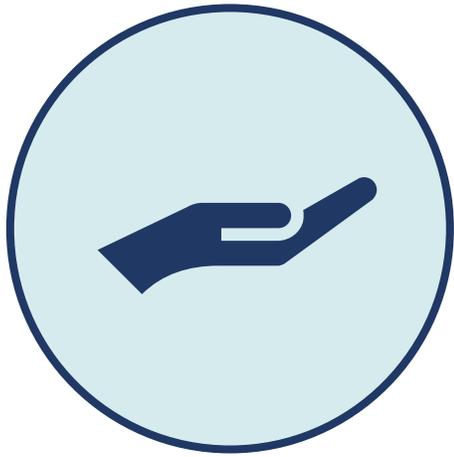


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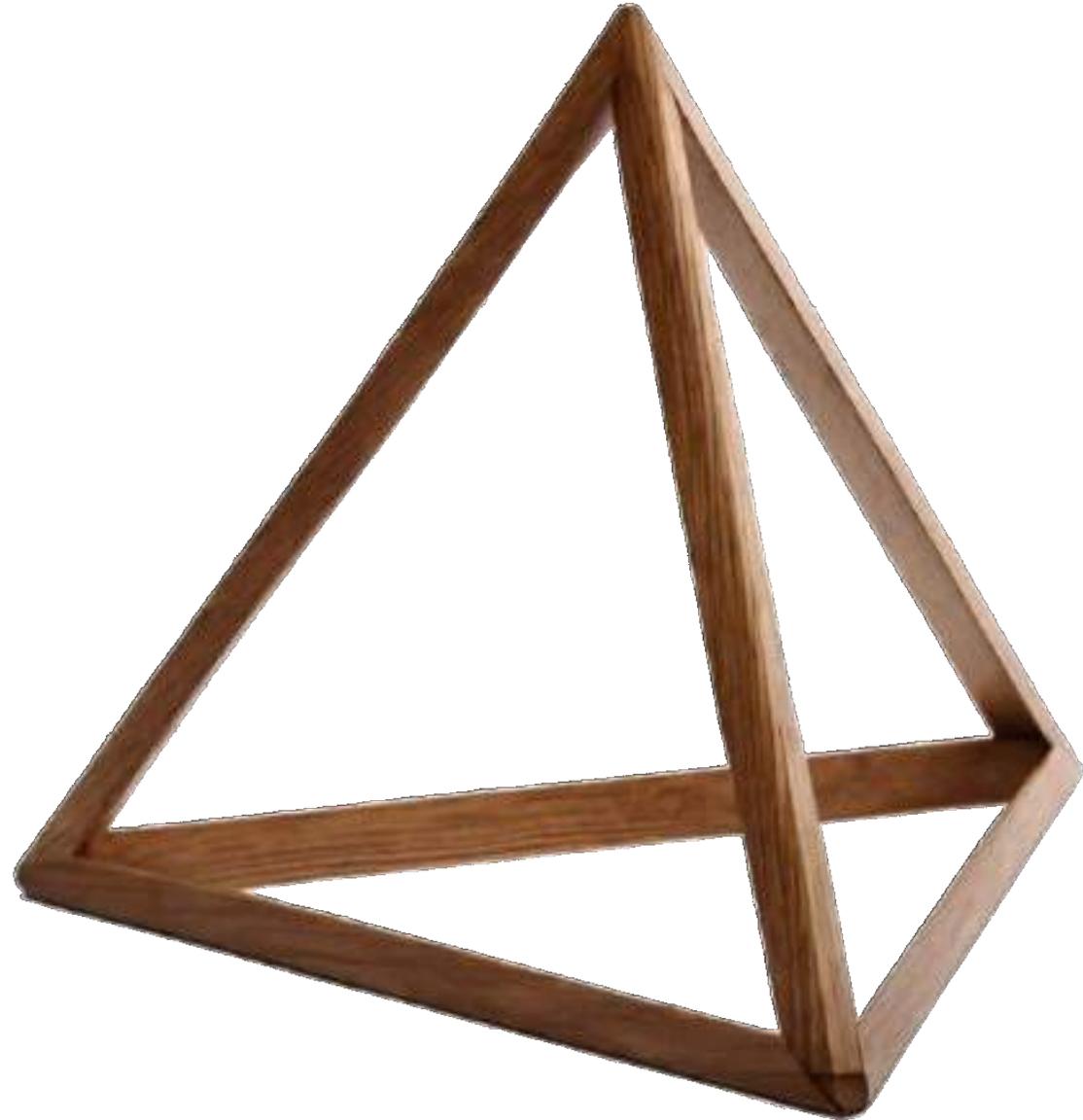
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Kerygma, Diakonia, Koinonia, Matheteia and Leitourgia



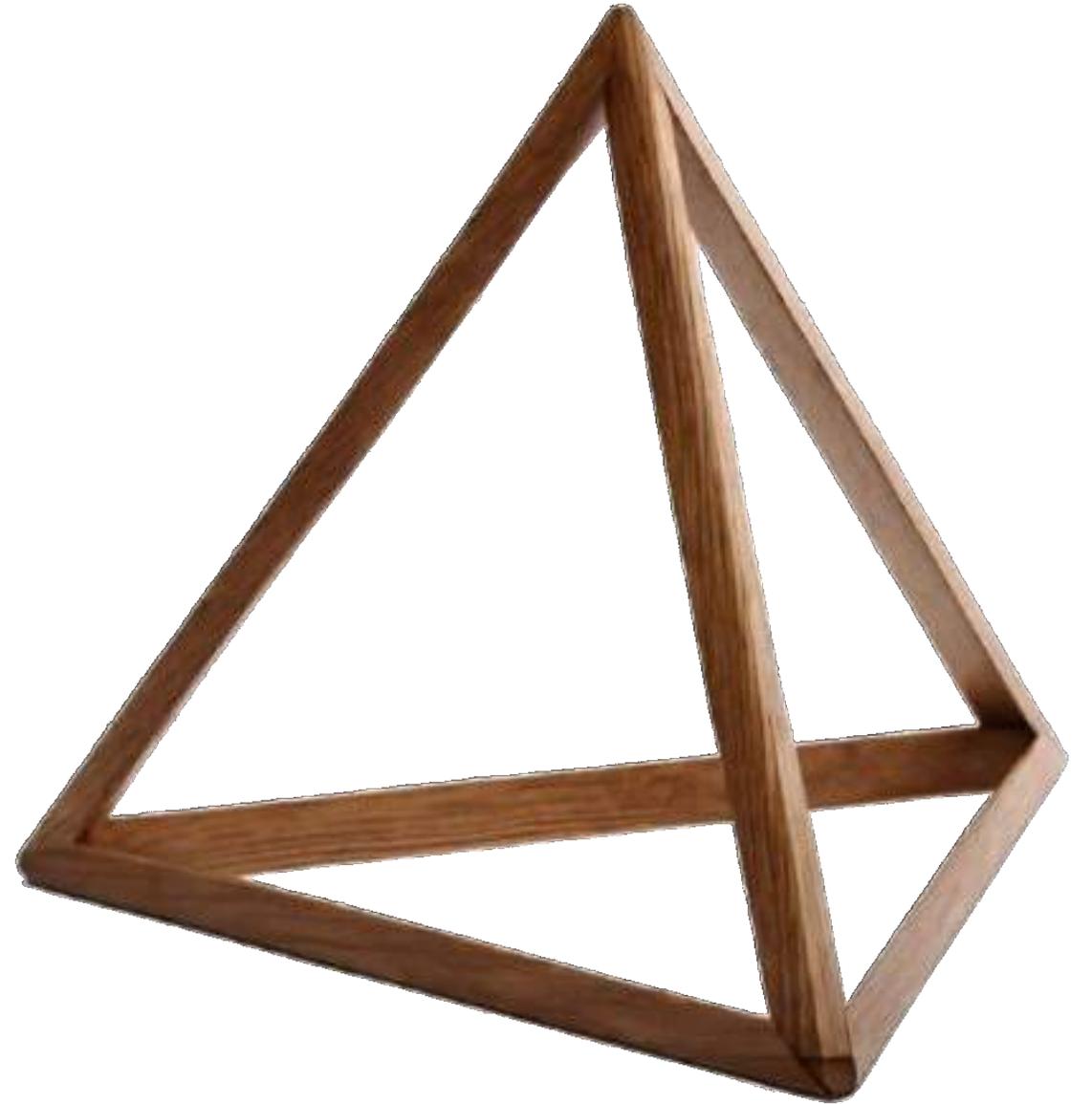
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Evangelism, Service, Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship



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**Have rituals
replaced
relationships?**

What is Church Growth? Is it...

Intellectual

Numerical

Spiritual

Relational

Milley, Christian Week, Four Dimensions of Church Growth, 2016



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Jesus – our example

Emmanuel

Incarnate

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

**We are therefore Christ's
ambassadors, as though God
were making his appeal through
us.**

2 Cor 5:20

Main Aspects of Conviviality

1. **Unity and Togetherness**
2. **Respect and Inclusion**
3. **Hospitality and Welcoming Spirit**
4. **Collaboration and Cooperation**
5. **Empathy and Compassion**
6. **Celebration and Joy**
7. **Justice and Equity**
8. **Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution**



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“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” [Hebrews 16:1-3](#)

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” [James 1:27](#)

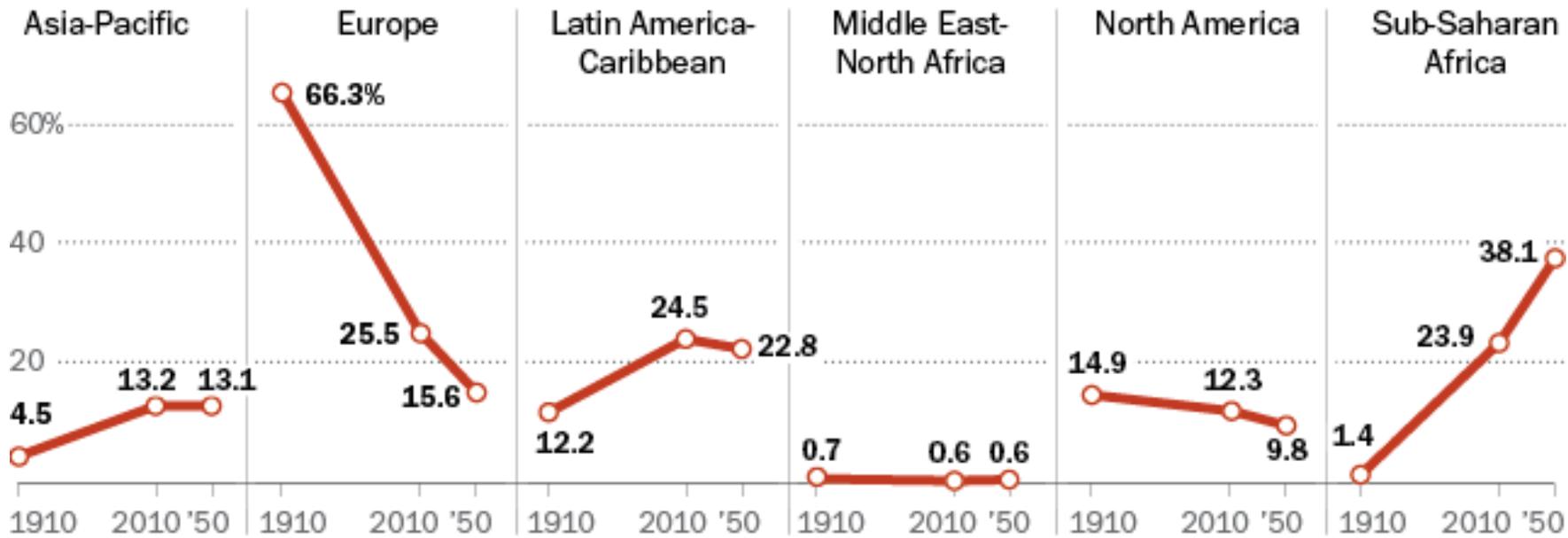
“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ [Matt 25: 34-36](#)



Christians by Region

Global Share of Christians by Region, 1910-2050

% of all Christians living in ...



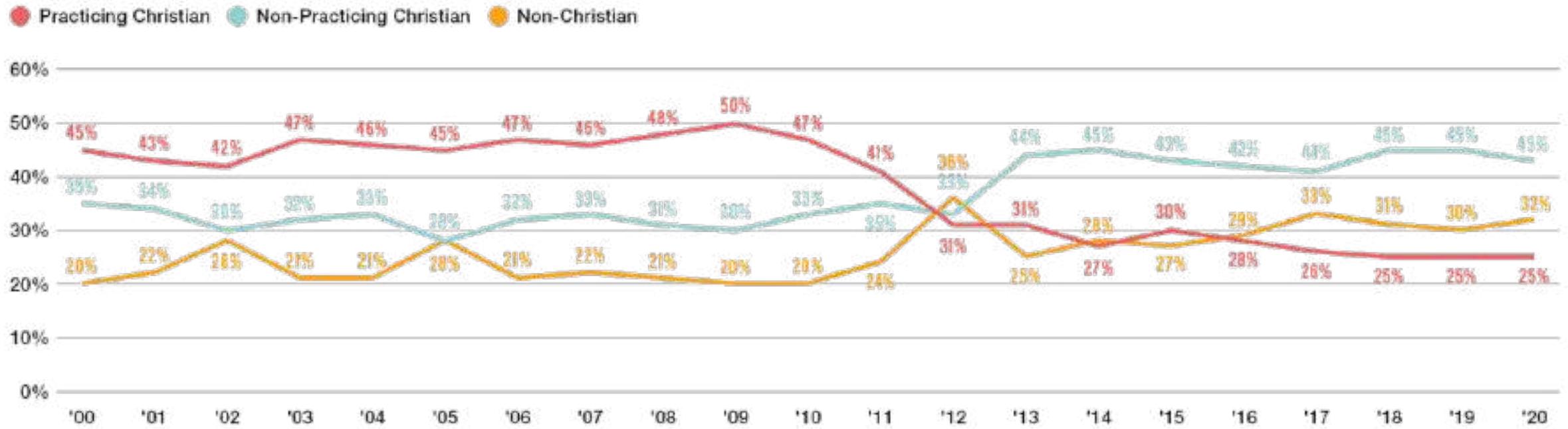
Sources: The Future of World Religions: Population Growth Projections, 2010-2050; 1910 estimates based on Pew Research analysis of data from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity; 2050 estimates are projections.

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HOW AMERICANS RELATE TO CHRISTIANITY IS CHANGING: 2000-2020



Natural Decrease

Estimated natural increase (births minus deaths) 2010-2015, in millions

	Europe	Middle East- N. Africa	North America	Asia- Pacific	Latin America	Sub-Saharan Africa
Christians	-5.6M	+0.9M	+5.8M	+17.7M	+32.6M	+64.5M
Muslims	+2.3	+32.1	+0.3	+79.5	*	+38.2
Unaffiliated	+1.4	+0.2	+2.4	+16.8	+3.1	+2.2
Hindus	*	+0.1	+0.2	+66.5	*	*
Buddhists	*	*	+0.2	+11.7	*	*
Folk	*	+0.1	*	+9.6	+0.3	+3.3
Other	*	*	+0.1	+1.0	*	+0.2
Jews	*	+0.4	*	*	*	*

*Indicates absolute value of natural increase during period was less than 100,000 people

Source: Pew Research Center demographic projections.

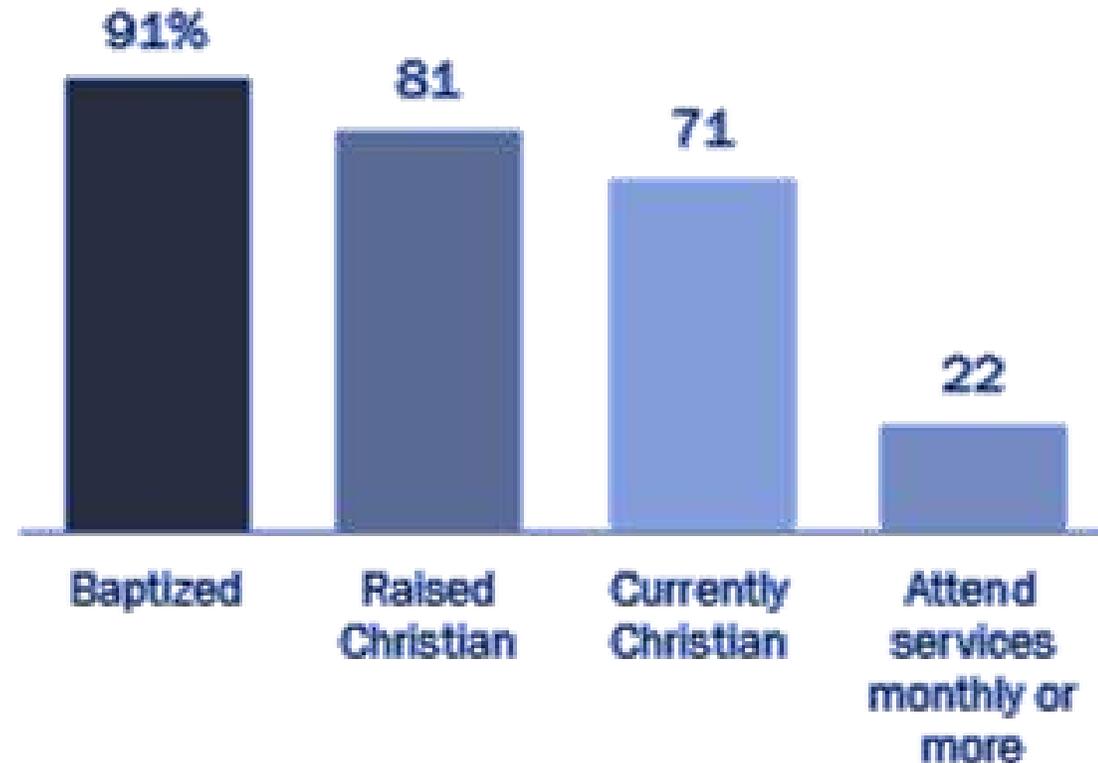
See Methodology for details.

"The Changing Global Religious Landscape"

Identity

Most Western Europeans continue to identify as Christians, though few regularly attend church

Across 15 countries, median %...



Source: Survey conducted April-August 2017 in 15 countries. See [Methodology](#) for details.

"Being Christian in Western Europe"



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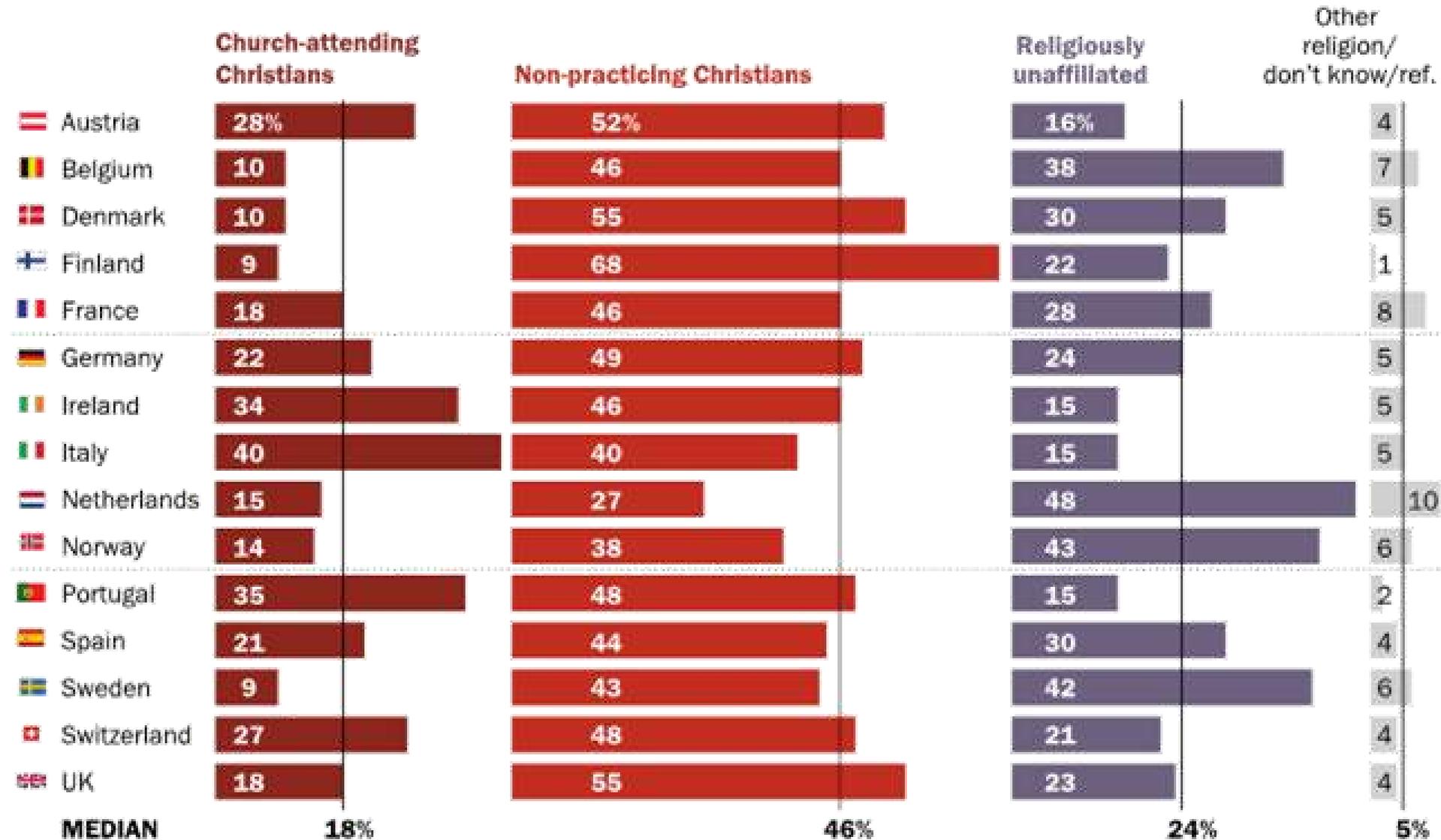
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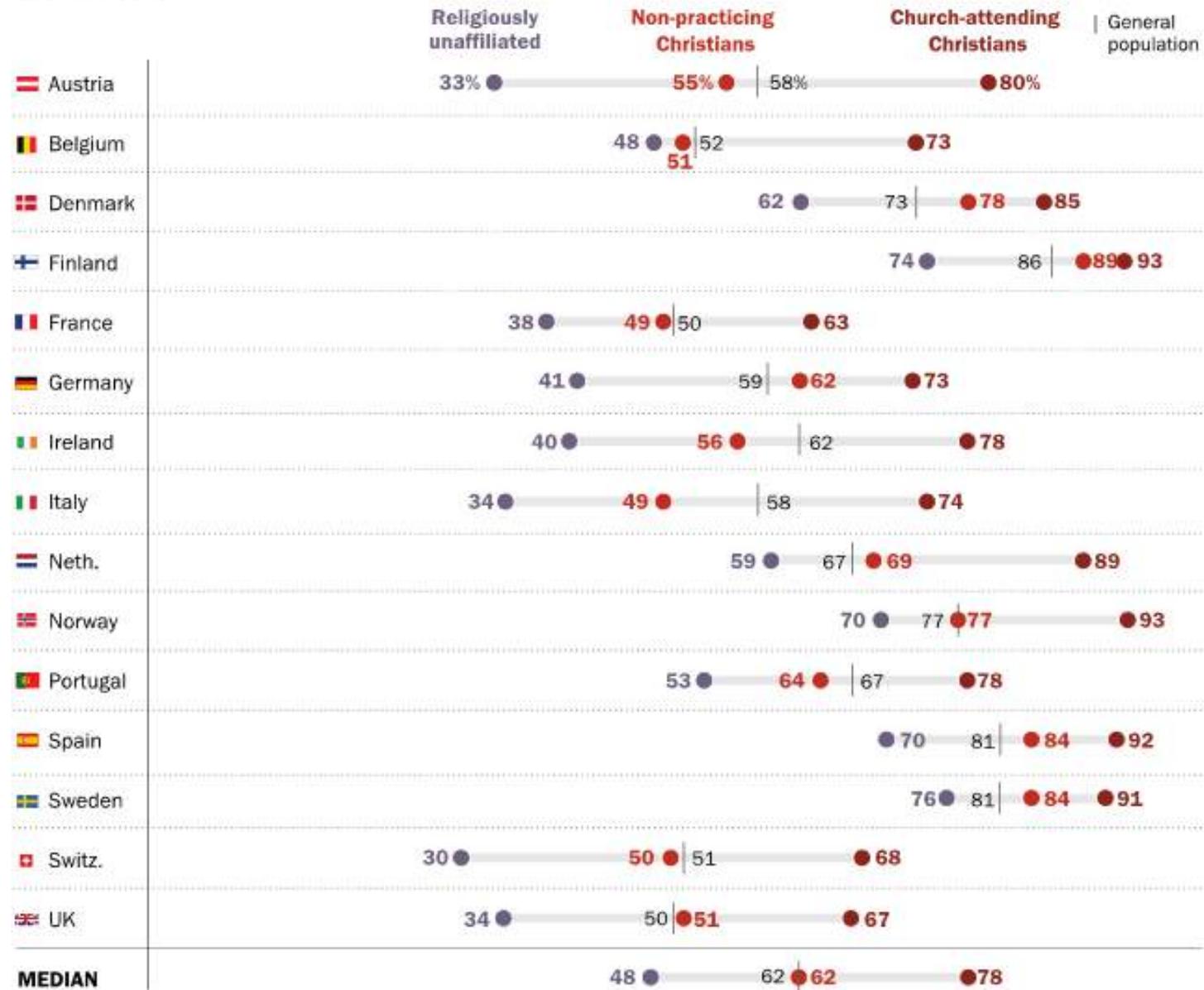
In most Western European countries, non-practicing Christians are largest group

% who are ...

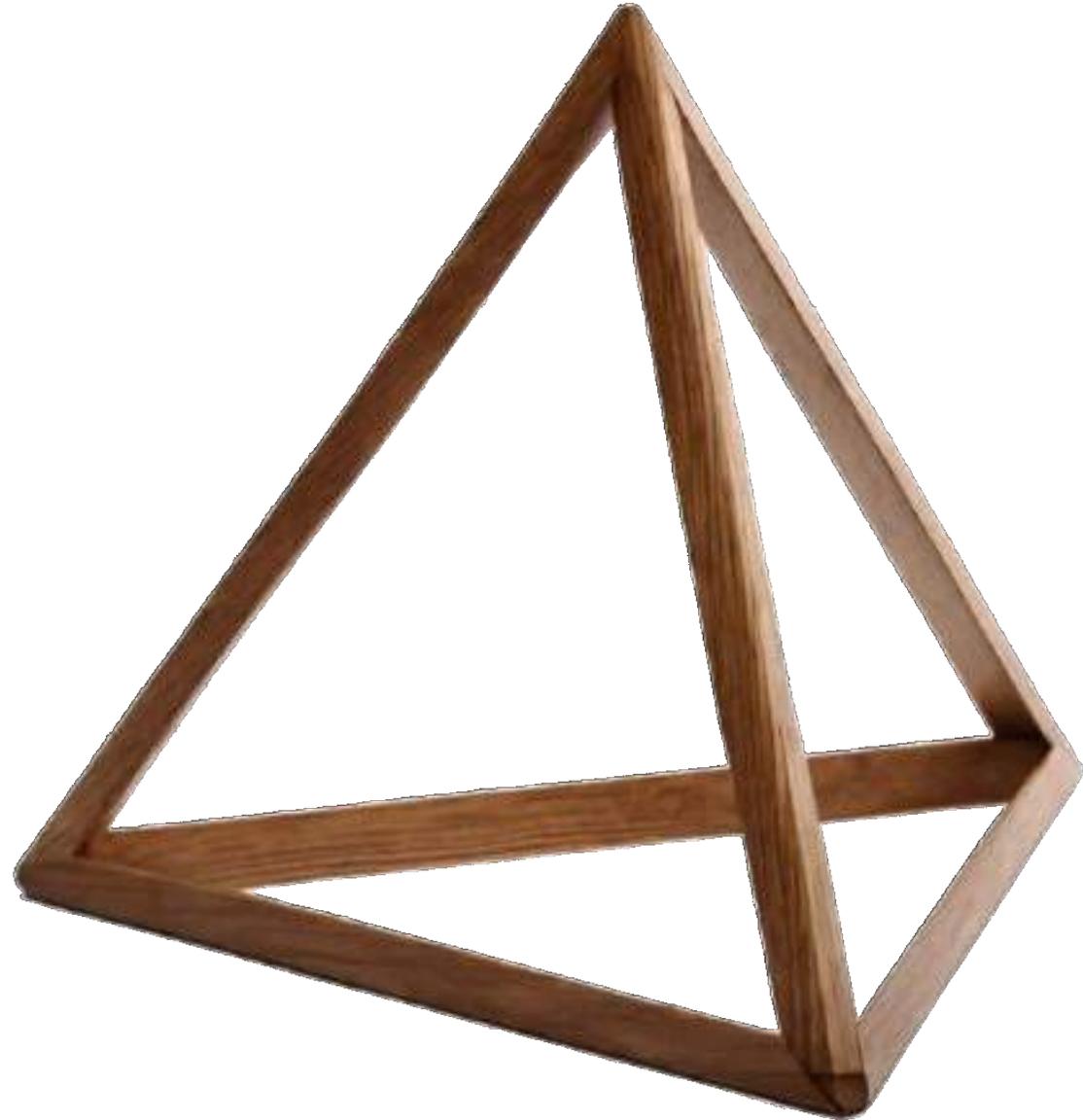


Majorities of non-practicing Christians say churches and other religious organizations play an important role in helping poor and needy

% who agree with the statement, "Churches and other religious organizations play an important role in helping the poor and needy"



Evangelism, Service, and Discipleship

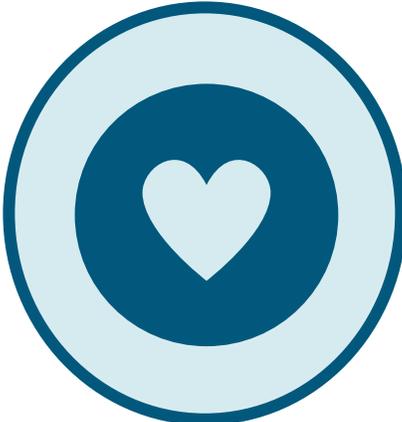


"Conviviality blooms from culture, not committees; it's woven in our interactions, not assigned in our tasks."

Seth Chancy



A Framework



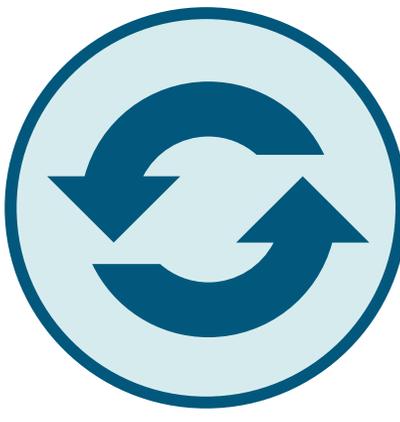
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HAND



HEAD

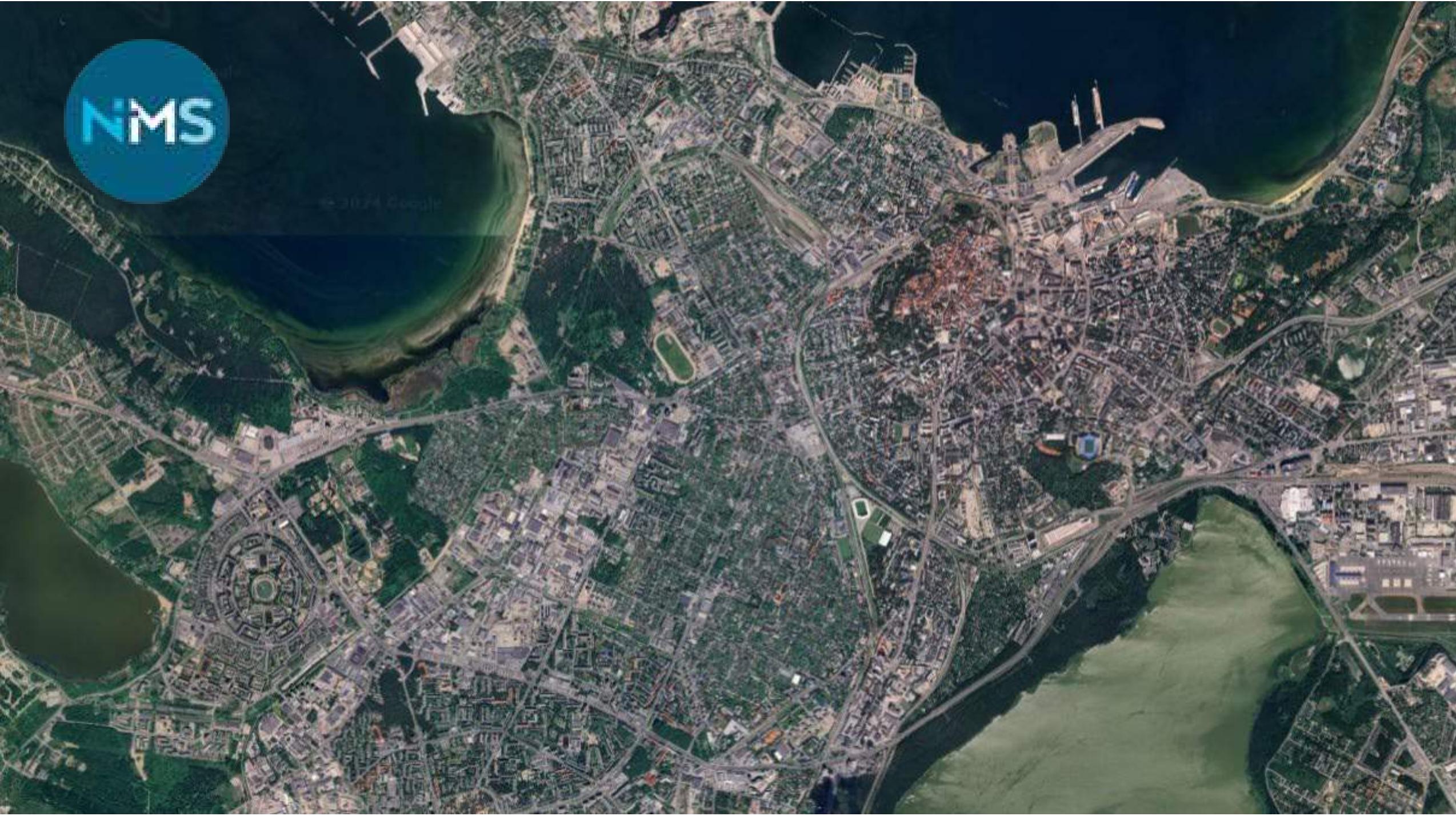


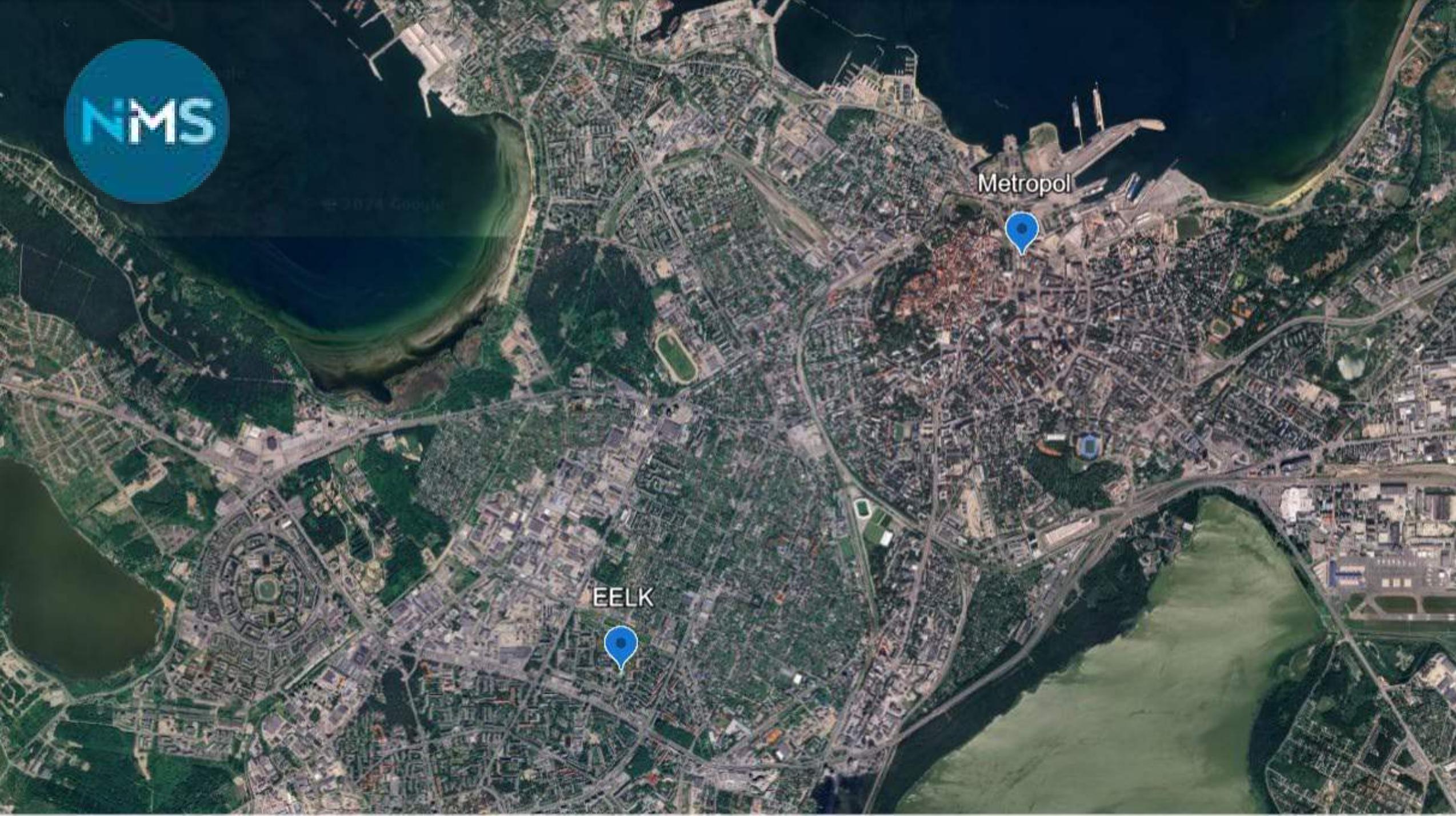
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What to do?

Know where you are

Know where you are going

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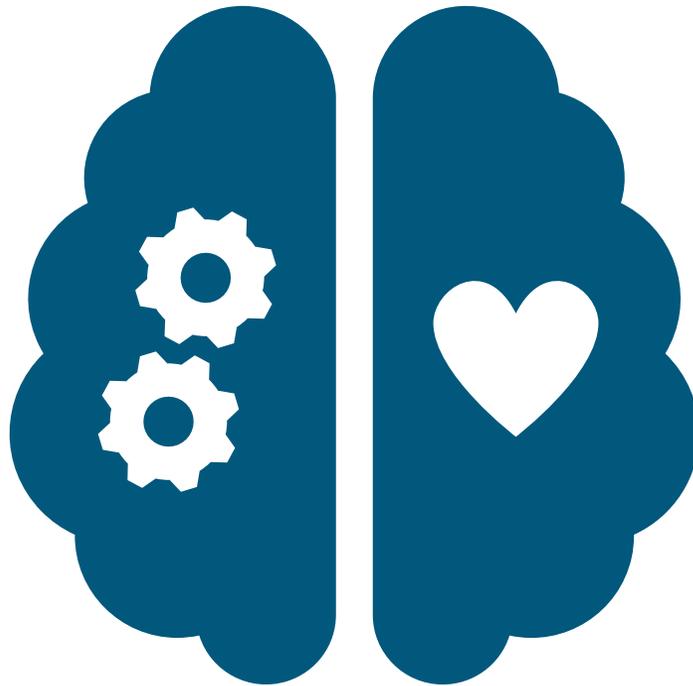
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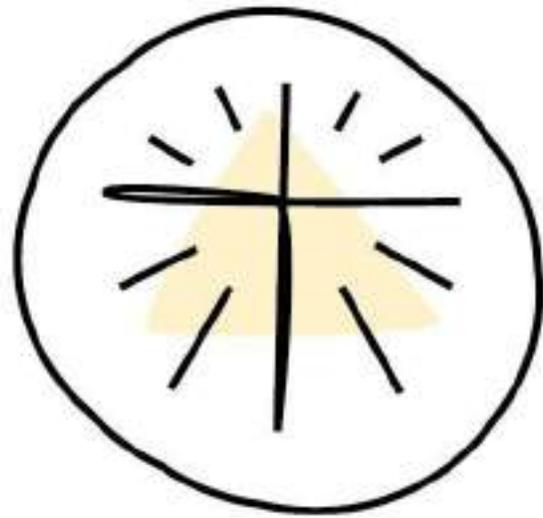
"How are we turning strangers into family here?"

"In what ways do we live out 'The Great Commandment' within our walls and beyond?"



Reflections





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